

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Michael ADENDORFF et al. ) Group Art Unit:  
ISerial No.: Not Yet Assigned ) Examiner:  
Filed: November 16, 2001 )  
For: DATA WAREHOUSE SYSTEM )

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231**

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace now pending claim 27 with the following new claim 27:

27. (Amended) The method claimed in claim 26, further comprising the step of providing relationships between the set of dimensions and the measures, the relationships allowing for the measures to use common dimensions for cross-functional analysis.

**REMARKS**

The above-identified application has been amended to correct a minor typographical error in claim 27. No new matter has been introduced. An amended form

of claim 27 is attached for the Examiner's convenience pursuant to new rule 37 C.F.R.

§1.21(c)(1)(ii). This paper is not intended to be entered.

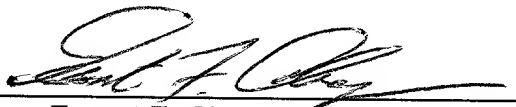
The examiner is respectfully requested to consider the above preliminary amendment prior to examination of the application.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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27. (Amended) The method claimed in claim [27] 26, further comprising the step of providing relationships between the set of dimensions and the measures, the relationships allowing for the measures to use common dimensions for cross-functional analysis.

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